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The letter from Areeda on the Harrington resolution has now been revised (attached). I have redrafted the Director's proposed response on H. Res. 205 to conform with the changes. If it meets with your approval, please let us know so that we can put it in final. In the meantime, we will coordinate with Defense and NSC. We need to respond to Price by this afternoon.



Deputy Legislative Counsel

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FINE. WE ARE
WORKING ON THE
INFORMAL PAPER YOU
REQUESTED.

Honorable Melvin Price, Chairman
House Armed Services Committee
House of Representatives
Washington, D. C. 20515

Dear Mr. Chairman:

This is in response to your request for my comments on matters raised in House Resolution 205 with regard to the Central Intelligence Agency.

H. Res. 205 would direct the Secretary of Defense to furnish to the House of Representatives within 10 days certain information relating to developments in Chile in 1972 and 1973. This subject was addressed by the President during a news conference on September 16, 1974 (copy enclosed). Further, information on Agency activities with respect to Chile has been provided to committees in the Congress.

It is believed that regardless of the country involved, information on activities undertaken by this Agency abroad to help implement foreign policy and protect national security, should be dealt with by committees of the Congress with due consideration for protecting against the disclosure of information which could be harmful to the Nation's interests. This approach is consistent with the committee structure established for the oversight of this Agency, the enactment of Section 32 of Public Law 93-559 (copy enclosed) and the establishment of the Select Committee on Intelligence pursuant to House Resolution 138.

In view of the above considerations, it is my hope that H. Res. 205 will not be approved.

Sincerely,
W. E. Colby

Director

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Dear Mr. Chairman:

The President has asked me to respond to your letter of the twentieth, and to tell you how much he appreciates the opportunity to comment on H. Res. 207.

A considerable portion of the information requested by this Resolution was previously supplied to the Foreign Affairs Committee and to other committees of the Congress by the Executive Branch. To assemble the appropriate information from the relevant agencies and individuals, moreover, would require substantial time. An important additional fact that might be considered is the establishment by the House of a Select Committee on Intelligence which may choose to consider some of the matters raised by H. Res. 207.

The Committee may also wish to consider whether such a resolution is an appropriate instrument for exploring any United States activities that might have affected Chile or any other country, for considering the extent to which names of particular persons or companies ought to be disclosed, or for considering the degree to which advice exchanged within the Executive Branch should wisely be spread on the record.

The President hopes that H. Res. 207 will not be approved.

Sincerely,

Phillip Areeda

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